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TO NUCLEAR FUEL BANK

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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA Non-Proliferation Office Director Emanuele Farruggia, of the MFA's Political Bureau, on June 28. Farruggia said Italy strongly supported the idea behind the proposed IAEA international nuclear fuel bank, and was supporting a motion within the EU to contribute 25 million euros to the bank. SCICouns also delivered reftel points to Roberto Liotto, Head of the MFA's Space, Technology, Defense, and Nuclear Issues and Non-Proliferation Office (in the Economic Bureau) on June 27. Liotto said the issue was of interest to Italy, but deferred to Farruggia on the specifics.

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